

TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES

In San Diego County

The following are recommendations for implementing current laws for the control of tuberculosis in California.<sup>1</sup> These guidelines were prepared by the County of San Diego Tuberculosis Control Program to advise schools of the current laws and regulations.

	INSTITUTION, AGENCY OR FACILITY	INITIAL EXAM.	REPEAT EXAMINATION	EXAM, TO CONSIST OF:
	<p><u>SCHOOL &amp; CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES</u> (Includes Nursery Schools, Day Nurseries and Development Centers):</p> <p>1. All employees and volunteers in public, private and parochial schools for K-12 and child day care facilities. Exceptions may be made for volunteers who are NOT in contact with students or children.</p>	Within 60 days prior to employment.	<p>1. Employees with negative skin tests, repeat every four years.</p> <p>2. Employees with <u>documented</u><sup>2</sup> positive tests that were followed with an x-ray, no requirement for additional exams.</p>	<p>1. <u>Intradermal Mantoux 5 TU</u> PPD skin test. Note TINE or other multiple puncture tests, even if PPD, are not acceptable.</p> <p>2. If the test is positive (10 mm or more of INDURATION) it must be followed by a chest x-ray.</p> <p>3. Employees must have on file a certificate from the examining physician indicating that employee is free from active disease.</p>
	<p><u>Students/Children In Child Day Care Facilities:</u></p> <p>NOTE: This does not apply to children K-12 who attend extended day programs.</p>	Not more than one year prior to or within 30 days following the acceptance of a child.	None required. Only subsequent enrollment in a different facility would necessitate a repeat examination if the previous test is more than one year old.	<p>1. TB Risk Assessment</p> <p>2. Mantoux TB skin test required ONLY if deemed necessary by the physician.</p>
	<u>Students in K-12:</u>	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time

<sup>1</sup> Laws: Education Code §49406, Health & Safety Code §3400 et. seq., CA. Admin Code: Title 5 §12066 et. seq., Title 17 §6600 et. seq., Title 22 §41301 et. seq.

<sup>2</sup> Documentation: A written result which includes - Type of test (Mantoux vs. multiple puncture), Date of test, and Millimeters of induration (redness does not count).



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Dear School Administrator and Child Day Care Director:

This is to update the document, "Tuberculosis Guidelines for Schools and Child Day Care Facilities" that was distributed in October 1995. Please use the attached version and discard the old guidelines dated 10/95.

The California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division has recently revised the TB skin test requirement. Effective August 1997, the new requirement states: *"All children must be screened for risk factors for TB as part of the medical assessment. Skin testing is required **only** if determined to be necessary by a physician based on the child's risk factors for TB."* This revision is based on the recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics which emphasize risk assessments rather than routine interval testing.

These changes do not affect current TB skin testing requirements for staff or volunteers who work in child care facilities and adults in family child care homes.

Changes to note:

1. Children attending a child care center are required to be tested with a **Mantoux** skin test if the physician identifies risk factors for TB.
2. The "Physician's Report-Day Care Centers" (LIC 701) has been revised and has an area to indicate the result of child's TB risk assessment. If you have questions you may call your Licensing Program Analyst or Duty Worker at 467-4388.

Thank you for your help in controlling the spread of tuberculosis in our schools and child day care facilities. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please call Evelyn Lancaster, TB Control Consultant/Educator at 692-8620.

Sincerely,

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